# California Tsunami Preparedness & Hazard Mitigation Program





Mitigation and Preparedness









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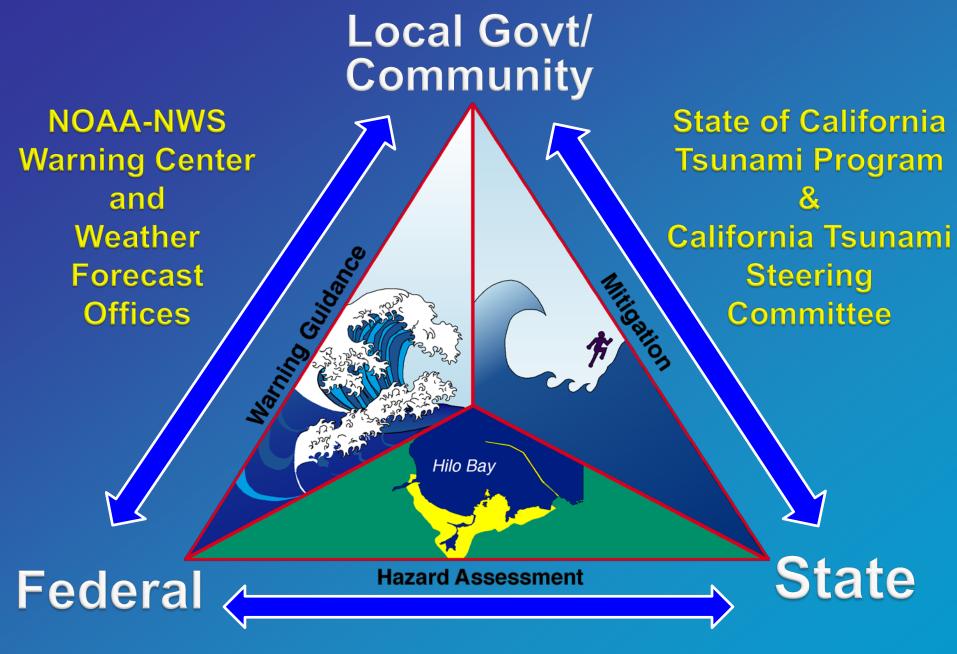






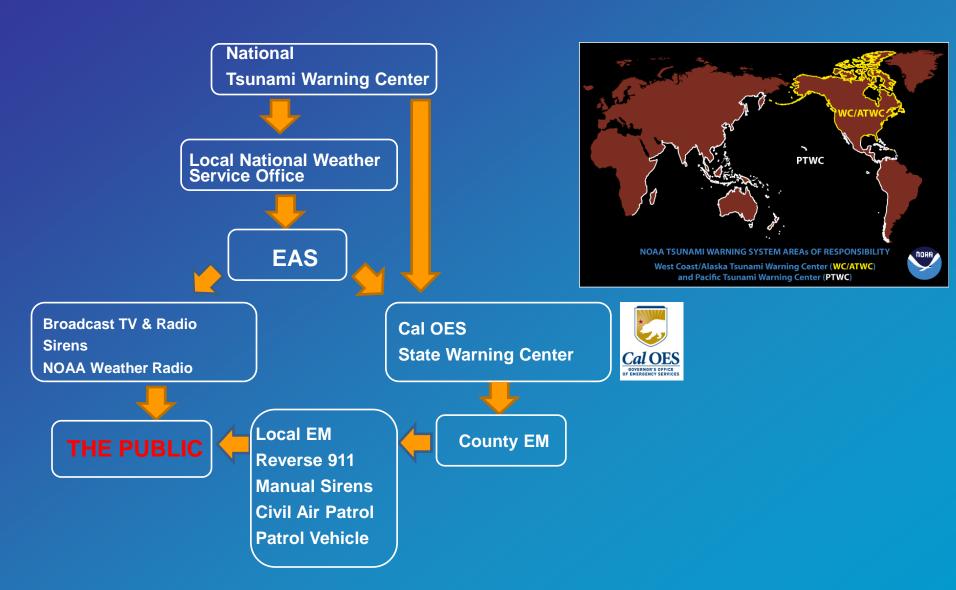
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Los Angels County Operational Area Tsunami Seminar National Tsunami Awareness Week March 27, 2014



NATIONAL TSUNAMI HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM

# Information Flow during Tsunami Alert and Warning (Top Down)



# Emergency Management Protocol in Response to Tsunami (Bottom Up)

#### State Support to Operational Areas

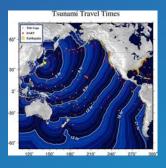
- 3 State Operations Centers
- Calls with National Warning Center
- Calls with Emergency Managers in 20 coastal counties
- Observers in (safe)
   locations along the coast
- Regional staff supporting OA EOCs during warning/response and assisting with damage assessment

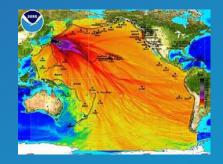


#### **Technical information from NTWC Calls:**

Specific areas/locations of heightened concern based on

- Initial Wave Arrival Times
- Forecast Wave Heights
- Normal Tide Conditions





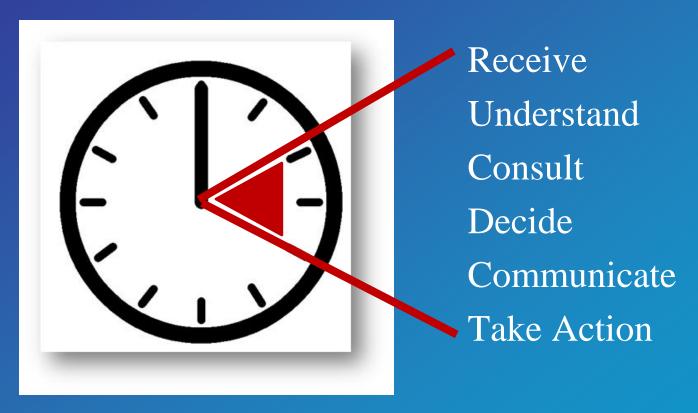
Current & projected status of WARNING / ADVISORY / WATCH

What will be in the next bulletin? When it will come out?

Any specific questions or clarifications from states and entities

### **SAFRR: Science Application for Risk Reduction**

## SAFRR Tsunami Scenario a "Short Fuse" Event



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## Planning & Preparedness





# State of California TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

#### **CURRENT:**

- Inundation Maps
  - Evacuation Planning
  - Tsunami Signs
- Training
- Exercise Support
- Warning System Testing
- TsunamiReady Program
- Outreach Materials
- Tsunami Preparedness Week

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

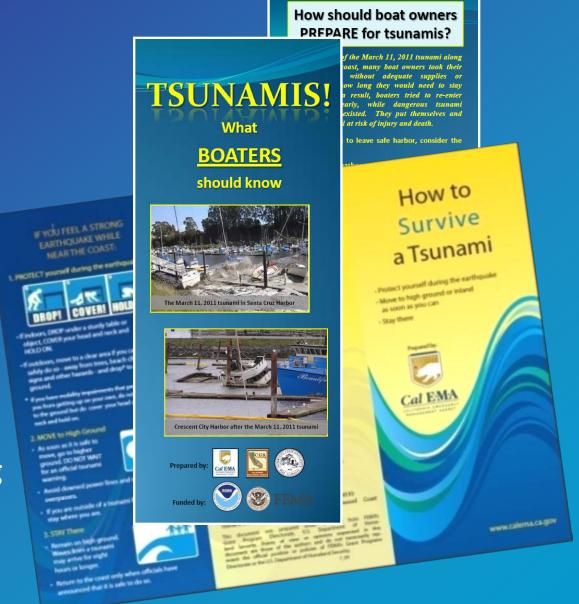
- Probability Maps
- Maritime Guidance



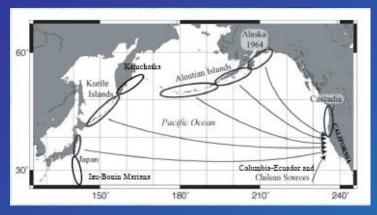
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## Policy/Guidance/Outreach

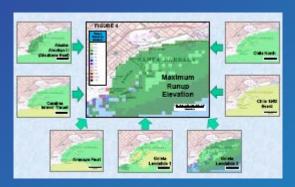
- Statewide SteeringCommittee
- Brochures for public and boaters (right)
- Policy group forming
  - Planning issues
  - Recovery issues
- Guidance for harbor masters and boaters needed
  - Advisory and Warning events



### **Creating the Inundation Maps**



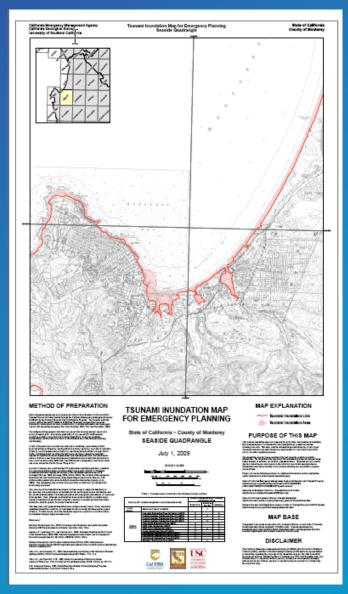












#### www.tsunami.ca.gov

#### **TSUNAMI SIGNAGE**

#### **Available through CalOES**

Web Search: "Caltrans Tsunami"



















## How can your constituents find out about hazards near work, home, or school?

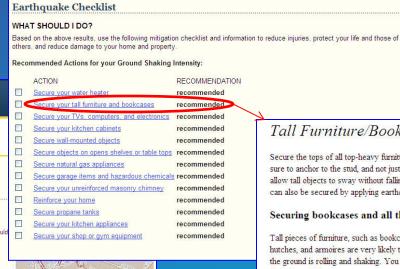
Go to <a href="http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov">http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov</a>



#### YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- · Earthquake-Induced Landslide Hazard zone\*
- Earthquakes can trigger landslides that may cause injuries and damage to many types of structures. (more information at http://www.conservation.ca.gov/CGS/shzp/SHMPfact.htm)
- · Liquefaction Seismic Hazard zone\*
- Earthquakes can cause certain types of soils to lose strength and behave like liquid. This can severely damage buildings and other structures. (more information at http://geomaps.wr.usgs.gov/sfgeo/liquefaction/aboutliq.html)

Active earthquake faults may pose a risk of surface fault rupture hazard. Surface rupture can damage buildings. (more information at http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/rghm/ap/index.htm)



Fault-rupture hazard zone

Earthquake-induced landslide area

High earthquake shaking probability

arthquake-induced liquefaction area

Moderate earthquake shaking probability

#### Tall Furniture/Bookcases

Secure the tops of all top-heavy furniture, such as bookcases and file cabinets, to a wall. Be sure to anchor to the stud, and not just to the drywall. Flexible fasteners such as nylon straps allow tall objects to sway without falling over, reducing the strain on the studs. Loose shelving can also be secured by applying earthquake putty on each corner bracket.

#### Securing bookcases and all things tall

Tall pieces of furniture, such as bookcases, china hutches, and armoires are very likely to fall when the ground is rolling and shaking. You can prevent them from falling on someone you care about, and save their contents, by completing these simple

- 1. Secure the furniture item to the wall stud.
  - o Locate the wall study using a stud
  - o Secure each furniture piece to at least two wall studs, depending on size and weight, using:
    - Commercially available kits

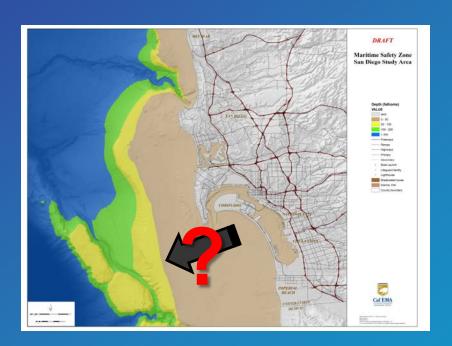


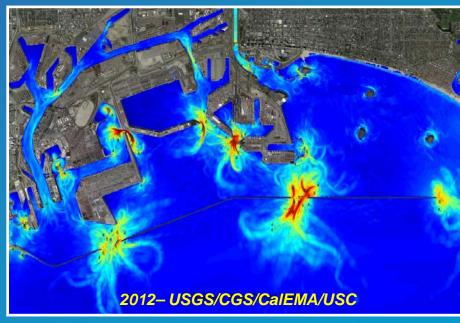
Tall furniture should be attached to wall study to avoid toppling in an earthquake.

Larger

## CA Tsunami Maritime Safety Plan

- Create offshore safety zone maps [offshore evacuation]
- Create in-harbor hazard maps [damaging currents]
- Provide statewide guidance for evacuation planning and harbor protection [based on above results]





#### **TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK 2014**

#### **Last week of March 2014**

- Great Alaska EQ/Tsunami 5oth Anniversary
- County Board of Supervisors' Proclamations
- Governor's Proclamation
- Federal Push for Presidential, chance for leveraging nat'l atten. locally...

## Tsunami Warning Communications Test (North Coast) Routine/Required Monthly Test (Everyone Else)

Associated activities (evacuation drills, school activities, airplane fly-overs)

#### Pacific-wide, NOAA-Sponsored Exercise

- Based on SAFRR Scenario developed in California
- Community-level outreach, workshops and exercises
  - San Francisco City/County; Monterey County; Los Angeles County





## Tsunamizone.org

- MirrorsShakeOut.org
- Prep information
- Events
- Drill registration and metrics



542 participants registered



How to Participate

Information for individuals, schools and many types of organizations

Tsunami Week Resources Manuals, posters, & much more

Who is Participating? Lists by county, area, & category

Share Your Activities

Your photos, videos, and stories of taunami preparedness week CHECK THE STATS

























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